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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady to at times weak in the East, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was limited to fair with few features. Food service was slow to moderate, best for fast food promotions and into hotel restaurants in the Midwest. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs with heavier sizes frequently more available. In the parts structure, breast items were no more than adequate to tight and clearing well of an active call. Interest for wings was not as assertive as previous weeks, but was strong enough to keep supplies close to well cleared. Leg quarters were moving well, but the remaining dark meat items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 62.25 cents full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.00 cents last year on January 23, 2002

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.50
BREASTS - B/S	142.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	58.50
LEG QUARTERS	18.50
WINGS	71.50

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service was fair to moderate with optimism for upcoming first of the month. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were balanced to close, best for bone-in and boneless skinless. Wings were in good balance and continued to clear, and dark meat was adequate with interest for leg quarters improved. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective as dealers remained cautious during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were available at discounted levels. Retail and distributive movement was lackluster. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were no more than adequate to tight. Leg quarters were clearing well. Wings were sufficient to balanced, although, the aggressive call had tapered.

**MIDWEST** Whole fryer market tone was steady. Supplies of Wogs and whole fryers were limited for a like trade interest. Cold temperatures were impacting retail consumer interest with most markets noting slow to light, instances fair demand. Movement into food service was irregular, slow to moderate and best into fast food and hotel restaurants. Floor stocks were sufficient to occasionally long for current needs. Weights generally desirable. Inquiries on wings and breast items were fairly active, all other parts clearing at a seasonal pace. Offerings from production regions were generally in balance with white meat portions diminished. The market tone was steady to firm on wings and breast items, steady on the balance.

**WESTERN** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Offerings in fair balance on whole body product less than 3.5 pounds and fully adequate on heavier weights. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Floor stocks in fairly good balance with current needs. Trade sentiment remained fully steady to firm on white meat items and generally steady on balance of parts.

### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 01/18/03	2003	2002
EGGS SET	203,508	205,220
CHICKS PLACED	163,724	168,359
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		-01
		-03

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 18, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 164 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 18, 2003. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through January 18, 2003 were 490 million, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 1-Mar-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.06 CENTS PER POUND.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

**POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	880	114.00-211.00	124-129	131.11
TENDERLOINS	103	117.00-176.00	117-119	134.52
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	75.00-77.00	74-76	76.97
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	88	22.00-32.00	20-22	22.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	631	15.00-18.00	16-17	16.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,033	17.00-25.50	18-19	19.08
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	71.50-74.00	72-74	73.46
WINGS (CUT)	488	84.00-93.00	86-88	86.57
DRUMSTICKS	68	32.00-46.00	-	33.65
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JANUARY 22, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.50 - 42.50	40.26	40.42

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying activity was moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were short of full needs and boneless-skinless breasts were clearing well under an active call. Leg quarters continued better balanced. Wings ranged balanced to adequate, although, the aggressive demand seen earlier was tapering. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was firm on breast items, fully steady leg quarters, and steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	130.44	478,486
TENDERLOINS	110	115.56	113,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	79.91	186,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.41	122,440
LEGS	31-32	30.66	221,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	19.11	453,006
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	26.88	121,030
THIGHS	21-22	33.04	53,420
B/S THIGHS	62-63	64.95	75,820
WINGS (WHOLE)	74-75	77.26	155,240
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.83	43,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.52	8,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	51.14	24,920

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	01/22	01/21	01/20	01/17	01/20	01/17	01/15	01/13		
ALA	3,340	4,070	2,563	3,580	4.85	5.07	3,571	5.20		
ARK	4,848	5,210	4,927	4,850	4.98	4.90	4,684	4.98		
DELMARVA	2,373	2,351	736	2,473	6.05	5.19	2,397	5.17		
KY-LA-TN	1,544	1,847	1,349	1,925	4.87	5.12	1,560	5.01		
MISS	2,763	2,903	830	2,670	4.67	5.26	2,611	5.46		
NC	2,454	2,571	1,601	2,659	6.21	5.77	2,525	6.19		
TEXAS	2,458	2,475	2,139	2,159	4.82	4.87	2,361	4.94		
TOTAL	19,780	21,427	14,145	20,741	5.10	5.16	19,709	5.25		
MON-WED	55,404 (A)						61,922 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Jan 03 and is estimated to be 29,593,000 up 0.06 percent from a week ago and down 9.0 percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 29,575,000; last year 32,526,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	66
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102
	ICE PACK	94-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-105
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	91-98
DUCKS		152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Jan-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/25/03 (1)	01/18/03
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	147,964 (2)	158,963
LT HENS	1,899	2,056
HVY HENS	1,338	1,558
TOTAL	151,201	162,577

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Jan-03 is 152.9 million head compared to 158.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 148.3 million head or 4.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 01-Feb-03 the estimated available is 154.2 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 01/20/03	165,933	78,370
AM 01/01/03	131,968	79,054
CHG	33,965	-684
PCT CHG	26	-1

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	1/20/03	1/13/03	1/21/02	1/20/03	1/13/03	1/21/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	7,809	7,845	5,258	5,098	5,214	3,529
LOS						
ANGELES	1,388	1,372	125	3,969	3,981	2,063

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 20, 2002

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		58-64
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	FOR 1/21/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.50	.66
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.30	.40	.32
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.25	.45	.36
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.25	.91
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.40	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.50	1.28
RABBITS lb.	.90	1.65	1.28
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 87

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending January 17, 2003

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings
RAYON				
Low	55.83	128.84	77.30	12.88
High	60.12	141.72	81.60	17.18
Mostly	57.98	137.43	77.30	12.88

**SAN JUAN**

Low	57.98	111.66	77.30	21.47	10.74	49.39
High	59.69	124.54	85.89	25.77	15.03	49.39
Mostly	58.84	120.25	81.60	23.62	12.88	49.39

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	55.83	128.84	77.30	12.88	12.88	53.68
High	60.12	137.43	81.60	17.18	17.18	53.68
Mostly	57.55	137.43	77.30	12.88	12.88	53.68

**BECERRA**

Low	59.26	115.95	81.60	17.18	12.88	52.39
High	60.98	128.84	90.19	25.77	17.18	52.39
Mostly	59.69	124.54	85.89	21.47	15.03	52.39

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate. Seller offerings were ample and competitively priced to stimulate additional buyer interest. Live supplies were about moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were well cleared. Leg quarters were clearing satisfactorily. Wings varied from short to fully adequate. Legs were ample.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED	
	U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	47-70	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.05	
NO. OF BOXES	5,649	

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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